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He informed that this group remained in Biloxi, Mississippi until about June 4, 1957. While at Biloxi, OSWALD remained "the loner". He never went out on Liberty with the rest of the group and it was believed, however, that he spent some time on leave at home in New Orleans just prior to the time that this group left Biloxi en route to El Toro, California.

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In January, 1958, POWERS rejoined the squadron which included OSWALD at Cubi Point in the Phillippines and according to POWERS, it was here that MARTIN E. SHROUD was shot while on guard duty. POWERS stated that actually from

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POWERS recalled that OSWALD and the squad were then put aboard a Philippine LST en route to Corrigidor where they remained for two or three months during which time OSWALD was on mess duty.

He recalled that OSWALD, POWERS and the group, in March, 1958, returned via the LST to Cubi Point in the Philippines. POWERS remained at Cubi Point while OSWALD continued on to Japan. In May, 1958, POWERS left by plane from Cubi Point to Atsugi where he rejoined the squad and again saw OSWALD. It was at Atsugi that OSWALD shot himself in the leg. POWERS states that from hearsay, OSWALD shot himself with a .22 which is not a GI issue and there was some

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